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UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES EMERGING FROM CRISIS SITUATIONS

Report by the Director-General

In compliance with resolution GC.10/Res.6, updates the information provided in document IDB.28/5, which covered progress on the developments and steps taken as of March 2004.

Introduction

1. Document IDB.28/5 provided information as of March 2004 on UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations. All activities undertaken have been carried out in line with the framework and plan of action presented during the twenty-eighth session of the Board. The present document updates that information.

I. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

2. In June 2004, the Director-General was approached by the Government of Haiti in order to benefit from UNIDO assistance. As this country fell within the parameters specified in UNIDO's presentation to the twenty-eighth session of the Board (short lapse since end of crisis, focus of the international community, strong possibility for funding), Haiti was included in this framework. In anticipation of the International Donors Conference on Haiti, held in Washington on 19-20 July 2004, the Government of Haiti had prepared an Interim Cooperation Framework, which was supported by 26 bilateral and multilateral donors. The conference resulted in pledges above expectations of more than $1 billion. The UNIDO delegation attending the conference was also met by the Prime Minister of Haiti, who regarded UNIDO as a privileged partner for Haiti. He outlined several areas in which he saw UNIDO playing a role in his Government's efforts with respect to industrial policies, strategies, and rehabilitation. A full-fledged UNIDO programming mission to Haiti, with emphasis on industrial rehabilitation, will take place in September 2004 .

3. With regard to Liberia as a newcomer in the post-crisis agenda presented to the twenty-eighth session of the Board, initial contacts have been undertaken and a formulation mission will take place in October 2004.

4. Owing to the fact that crucial programming activities are currently being negotiated and concluded both at the field and headquarters levels for certain countries (in particular for Iraq), significant developments are expected towards mid-September 2004. Thus, the present document reports on interim progress, and an addendum providing updated information will be issued before the session.

5. In addition to the addendum, a strategy paper on post-crisis activities will be issued as a conference room paper. That strategy paper represents the finalization of the round table discussion paper circulated informally during the tenth session of the General Conference in December 2003, and takes into account feedback from Member States on the UNIDO approach.

II. ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

6. The Board may wish to take note of the present document.

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